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(Text) Moscow, 3 December--V. Zorin comments in today's IZVESTIYA on recent pronouncements by U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Touching on statements made by Rusk at the White House on 1 December to the effect that American commitments form the main bulwark of world peace, Zorin says: "Studying the text of this statement, it is difficult to believe that Rusk said all of this in earnest. Judge for yourselves. Asked about the normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba, for example, Rusk dared advance as a condition the demand that Cuba sever its relations with countries that do not belong to the Western Hemisphere. This obviously conforms to the concept of 'American commitments' as the 'bulwark of peace.' In this case, these same 'commitments,' if deciphered, are nothing but an unprecedented and impudent dictate, and they recall the well-known 'big stick policy.'"

As for Rusk's repeated contentions that the United States has pledged to maintain the independence of South Vietnam, Zorin declares: "The question suggests itself: Independence from whom? From the Vietnamese? Using American napalm and heavy bombers? Saigon's independence has long since become a bad joke. There is no question that some people in Washington would very much like to 'Saigonize' not only South Vietnam. Hence the irresponsible terms advanced by responsible officials."

Zorin adds that Dean Rusk made another statement bound to attract attention. He pointedly proclaimed that CIA is not engaged in any activities unknown to the U.S. Government. Well, Zorin notes, this is a valuable admission. Projecting this thought, we should note that the U.S. secretary of state has publicly assumed responsibility for everything exposed in the future as CIA foul play and bloody doings.